

REMARKS

By this Amendment, no claims have been added or canceled. Accordingly, claims 1-3, 6, 14-16, 19, 25-30, 33-37, 39, 40 and 42 remain pending.

Claims 1-3, 6, 14-16, 19 and 25-29 stand allowed. Independent claim 30 and claims 33-37, 39, 40 and 42 which depend therefrom presently stand rejected as being obvious over Voegeli (U.S. Pat. No. 3,812,279) in view of Hosoi (U.S. Pat. No. 5,722,707).

The undersigned appreciates the Examiner's comments and suggestions during their telephone discussion on June 12, 2007. Pursuant to that discussion, Applicant has amended independent claim 30 to recite the interior portion of the lock, which is positioned on the interior portion of the pedestal closure assembly's dome, as including a snag-free lock base (not to be confused with the assembly base) housing additional lock parts for securing the dome to the assembly base, and to recite the snag-free lock base as being free of sharp edges so as to avoid snagging cables when the dome is removed from or installed on the assembly base with the cables installed in the pedestal closure assembly (which cables are not regarded as being positively claimed). As discussed with the Examiner and as further explained below, Voegeli and Hosoi fail to render obvious this recited subject matter.

Voegeli discloses a cable television housing having a locking means 23 including an L-shaped keeper 27 positioned on an interior portion of a cover 12 for securing the cover 12 to a base 11. See Figs. 1-3 of Voegeli. Unlike the assembly recited by claim 30, however, Voegeli's locking means 23 does not include a snag-free lock base

housing additional lock parts, and thus does not include a snag-free lock base that is free of sharp edges.

Hosoi discloses a clamping structure in an air-tightly sealable container for semiconductor wafers. Because Hosoi relates to containers for the semiconductor industry rather than pedestal closure assemblies for the telecommunications industry, and because Hosoi is not concerned with preventing snagging of cables by an internal lock mechanism, Applicant respectfully submits that Hosoi is non-analogous art that cannot form the basis of an obviousness rejection of claim 30.

Moreover, Hosoi, like Voegeli, fails to disclose or suggest a lock having a snag-free lock base housing additional lock parts, and therefore does not disclose or suggest a snag-free lock base that is free of sharp edges.

Accordingly, whether considered alone or in combination, Voegeli and Hosoi fail to disclose, suggest or otherwise render obvious the subject matter recited by claim 30 and claims 33-37, 39, 40 and 42 which depend therefrom. The Examiner is therefore respectfully requested to withdraw the §103 rejection of these claims.


CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner

believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (314) 726-7500.

Respectfully submitted,

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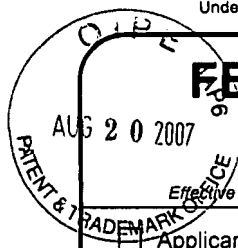
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
20 **	0	0	0
Independent Claims	3 **	0	0
Multiple Dependent			0

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1203	360	2203	180	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
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1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
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1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17 (q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	790	2809	395	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
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1313	160	2313	80	Plant Examination Fee	
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